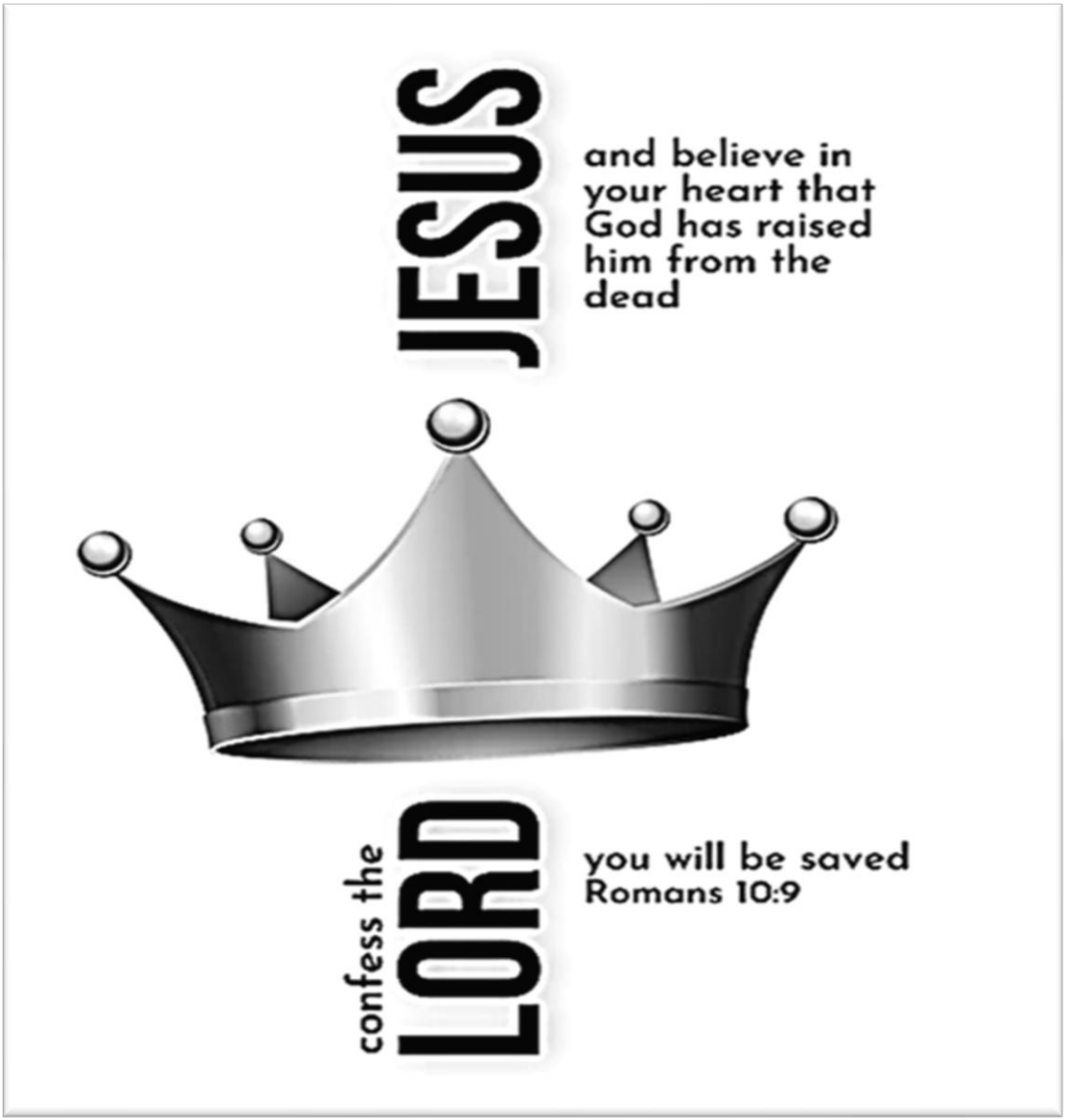
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost — August 9th, 2026



Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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Our Communion Practice: Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).

It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord's Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions about the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord's Table.

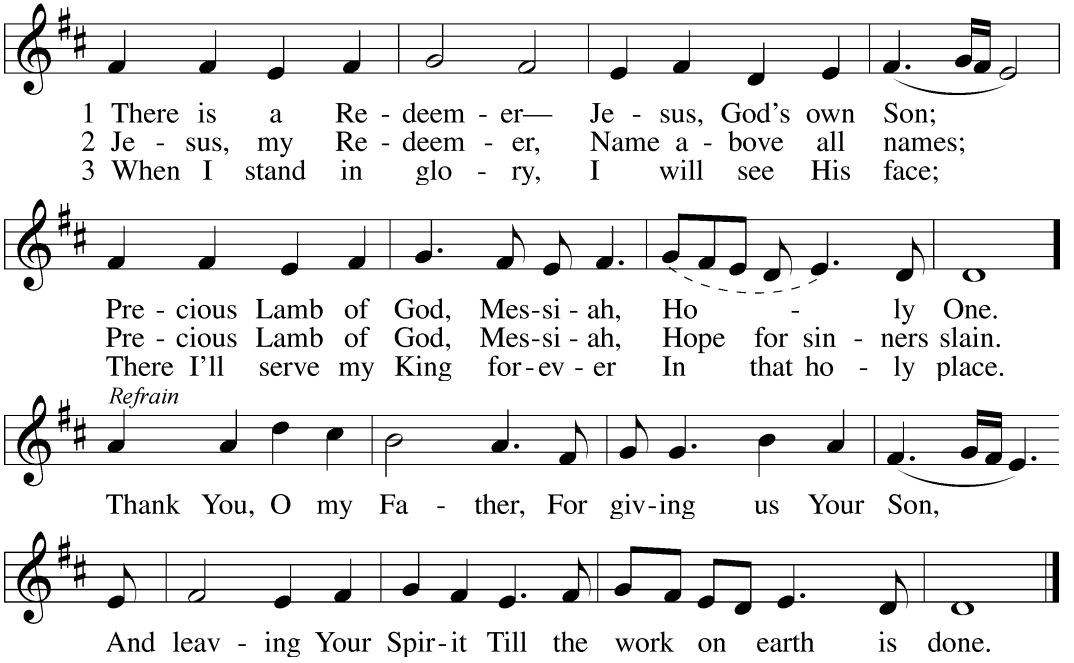
Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a Connection Card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row. *Thank you!*

Theme for Today's Service: Only God comprehends creation's orchestration. No mortal can possibly grasp the full complexity of the heavens and the earth. Human reason also cannot grasp Christ's descent into hell, His rising from the tomb, nor His ascension into heaven. Yet by faith, these very things are believed and confessed. Even when doubt assails us, we can be bold to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God.

Order of Service: Divine Service 3, pp. 184 ff.

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 971 There Is a Redeemer



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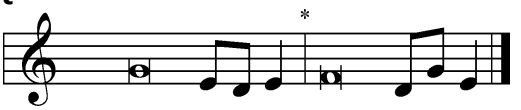
Confession *LSB 184*
Absolution *LSB 185*

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.
Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And with thy spirit.**

℗ Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Job 38:4–18*

4[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the
earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5Who determined its
measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7when the
morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
9when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
10and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11and said, 'Thus far
shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be
stayed'? 12"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and
caused the dawn to know its place, 13that it might take hold of the skirts
of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? 14It is changed like clay
under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. 15From the
wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. 16"Have
you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the
deep? 17Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen
the gates of deep darkness? 18Have you comprehended the expanse of the
earth? Declare, if you know all this."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Romans 10:5–17*

5Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the
person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6But the
righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will
ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7or "'Who will
descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But
what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because, if you confess with

your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. [11]For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." [12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. [13]For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [14]But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15]And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" [16]But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" [17]So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:22–33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[22]Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23]And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24]but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. [25]And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. [26]But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. [27]But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." [28]And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29]He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. [30]But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." [31]Jesus

immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed *LSB 192*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon "How Do We Truly Confess Jesus?" *Romans 10:5-17*

Prayer of the Church

Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond "Hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 194-202*

Distribution Hymn: 588 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know
Distribution Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave
Distribution Hymn: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 201-202*

Hymn to Depart: 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Announcements

Go in peace and serve the Lord, thanks be to God!

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SERVING OUR LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

	Today	Next Week	Aug. 23rd
Song Leader	Leatta D.	Sarah K.	Brooklynn S.
Ushers	Brunk	Emmons	Dosland
Counters	E. Schmidt O. Childs	D. Dunnum B. Hinds	C. Leis L. Peters
Acolyte	Sheffer	Greydanus	Kolander
Altar Guild for August:	O. Childs and J. Soto		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS

Last Week's Sun. & Mon. Attendance: 44
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: $3,172.46
Week of Aug. 2nd Offering: $3,146.19
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Today	**9:00am .....Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	after ..... Fellowship time
	10:30am .....Adult Bible Study
	after..... Church Council
Mon. Aug. 10	**7:00pm .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Tues. Aug. 11	5:00pm .....Men's Bible Study, at Features
Wed. Aug. 12	9:30am .....Adult Bible Study
Sat. Aug. 15	9:00am ..... Women's Bible Study (online)
	1:00pm..... Gallaher—Schmidt Wedding
Sun. Aug. 16	**9:00am .....Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion**
	.....Bible Study – **Potluck – VBS**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for August 9th, 2026

NEXT WEEK!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH Vacation Bible School – Join us for Vacation Bible School on **Sunday, August 16**, following church and Adult Bible study. A **potluck meal** to follow Bible study with VBS running from approximately **12:30–2:00 p.m.** This year's theme is **the story of Jonah**. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy an afternoon of Bible story, crafts, games, music, and fun! Anyone interested in volunteering talk to Brooklynn.

Sunday August 16th

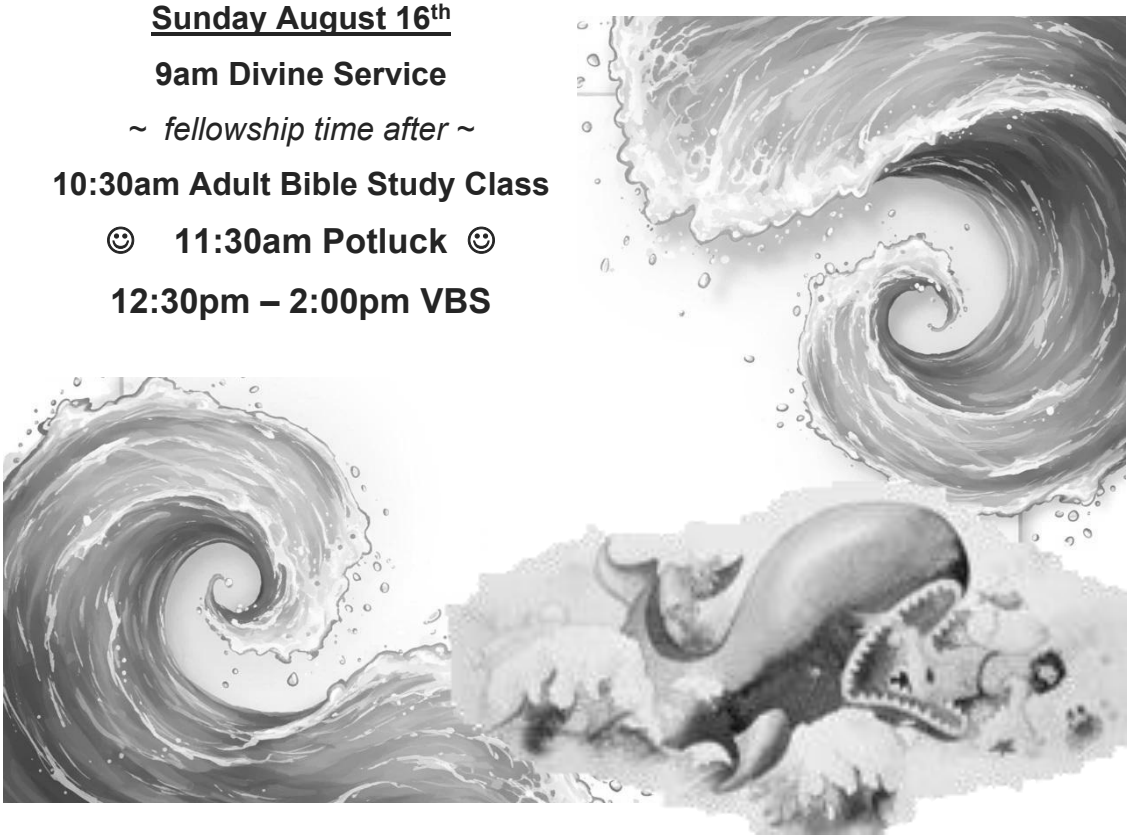
9am Divine Service

~ fellowship time after ~

10:30am Adult Bible Study Class

☺ 11:30am Potluck ☺

12:30pm – 2:00pm VBS



MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, Concordia Publishing House Order Due –
Are you looking for anything from Concordia Publishing House? The latest catalog is on the counter under the mailboxes. If you are interested in placing an order with CPH, please contact Pastor Adelsen. Deadline is Mon., Aug. 17th.

Small Group Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30am) GOD IN THE JUKEBOX
Have you ever listened to a pop song that mentioned Jesus or other Christian themes? Have you ever wondered what the song was truly about? Sometimes it's obvious, other times not so much. What is being taught? For the next two Sundays (8/9 and 8/16), we will listen to some pop songs and find out what is truly being taught. Beginning in September:
We will study the Augsburg Confession.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30am) ISAIAH
In the pages of Isaiah, the prophet brings comfort and hope as he describes the coming Savior.

Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men's Bible Study *on 8/11*
Focusing on: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania The people of Assyria were notoriously brutal. They believed that their kingdom would last forever. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people.

Saturday's Online, Women's Bible Study (9:00am), OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE (workbook/video lessons) With focus on Jesus' feeding of the five thousand, dig deep into Scripture to see a compelling picture of our compassionate Savior. Sometimes, in seasons of stress and brokenness, we keep our eyes down never looking up to see our Provider. See Carrie Horstman about how to join online.

What is Main Street Living?

Main Street Living is a distinctly Lutheran worship service, featuring pastors and members from upper Midwest Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. **Main Street** is not intended to be a replacement for in-person worship but is here to provide a liturgical service to those who are unable to attend a local congregation.

Main Street still follows its original format of area LCMS pastors leading an abbreviated worship service. The recorded programs were started to assist ministers to reach their shut-in population but has evolved into a more universal role in spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ. Main Street regularly hears from individuals locally, and around the world, about the positive impact this weekly service has in their lives.

Broadcast Sunday mornings on FOX 25/48 LaCrosse / EauClaire, then available on demand on YouTube. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Each month the schedule for Main Street Living is posted on the table in the narthex.

Aug 2, 2026

10:00am - "TITL" - "Return Trip" -The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

10:30am - Rev. Jacob Eichers, Faith Lutheran Church, "Fed from Compassion Fatigue" (Matthew 14:13-21).

Aug 9, 2026

10:00am - "TITL" - "Some People Need Help" - An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30am - **Rev. Peter Adelsen,** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, "How Do We Truly Confess Jesus?" (Romans 10:5-17).

Aug 16, 2026

10:00am - "TITL" - "Jeremy" - Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

10:30am - Rev. Joshua Bieri, Hill Country Lutheran Church, "Are We Little Dogs?" (Mathew 15:21-28).

Aug 23, 2026

10:00am - "TITL" - "Flight Plan" - A man must deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

10:30am - **Rev. Peter Adelsen**, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church "On This Rock" (Matthew 16:13-20).

Aug 30, 2026

10:00am - "TITL" - "Amazing Grace" - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

10:30am - Rev. Daniel Pfaffe, St. John's Lutheran Church in Durand, "God's Glory Comes Only Through Christ's Cross" (Matthew 16:21-27).

One Thing's Needful

In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.

INVOCATION In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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MEDITATION Psalm 18 (1-6) – David thanks God that He has delivered him from all his enemies. He praises God and thanks God for His help against the disobedient, and the rebels and provided protections from the heathens and tyrants. Keep this psalm as an example of how we should thank God for His help when He delivers us out of our troubles. Reminding us Christ and all His people will finally be delivered. [READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

9 Aug	1 Sam 25:1–22	1 Cor 3:1–23	
10 Aug	1 Sam 25:23–44	1 Cor 4:1–21	
11 Aug	1 Sam 26:1–25	1 Cor 5:1–13 1	Sam 27:1—28:2
12 Aug	1 Sam 28:3–25	1 Cor 6:1–20 1	Sam 29:1—30:30
13 Aug	1 Sam 31:1–13	1 Cor 7:1–24	
14 Aug	2 Sam 1:1–27	1 Cor 7:25–40	
15 Aug	2 Sam 5:1–25	1 Cor 8:1–13 6	

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- The Leyh family, Josh and Faith, and their pre-school age son Peter currently attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- Shepherd of the Hills, in calling a faithful Pastor
- Faith Lutheran Church, in calling a faithful pastor
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt, Jeramy Schaub, Anna Wachholz (niece of the Kolanders); Deb Dunnum

LEARN BY HEART Matthew 14:27: "But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Alleluia!

COLLECT Page 4

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace*. (Numbers 6:24-26)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 56:6-8; Romans 11:1-2,13-15,28-32; Matthew 15:21-28